

Chairman Gary Harshberger

“Gary has a long history of accomplishments and success. His expertise in rural, water and agriculture issues as well as a deep understanding of the needs of the people of Kansas will enable him to perform his duties with distinction and honor to help grow our state's economy and create jobs,” Governor Brownback said.

Harshberger is a lifetime resident of Ford County, Harshberger graduated from Minneola High School and attended Dodge City Community College and Kansas State University, both on football scholarships. He earned his Electrical Engineering Degree from KSU in 1987. Harshberger returned to Ford County and started Double H Farms in 1988, which now has farm interests in Ford, Clark and Meade Counties. As the owner of Harshberger Enterprises, he now raises corn, wheat, milo, soybeans and cattle. He also serves on the board of directors for American Ag Credit, Bonanza BioEnergy and Arkalon Energy. He and his wife Melanie have three children.

“I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Brownback as the Chair of the Kansas Water Authority”, Harshberger said. “This is an exciting time for Kansas and water issues. Kansas is known for being forward thinking with water resources and I am glad to be able to continue growing and serving our state in this capacity. As we all know water is imperative for our citizens, industry and businesses and ultimately, our state’s economy.”